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Edelen Releases Audit of Christian County Sheriff's Tax Settlement

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Adam Edelen today released the audit of the sheriff's settlement – 2012 taxes for Christian County Sheriff Lewis Leavell, Jr. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Recent changes in auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the sheriff's settlement presents fairly the taxes charged, credited and paid of the Christian County Sheriff in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The sheriff's settlement is prepared on the regulatory basis, which is described in the auditor's opinion letter. Regulatory basis reporting for the sheriff's settlement is an acceptable reporting methodology, and this reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff settlements in Kentucky.

The audit found that the sheriff's financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited and paid, for the period, April 17, 2012 through April 15, 2013 in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the [auditor's website](#).

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